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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Akihiko SATO)
Appln. No.: 09/449,738)
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,)
DATA PROCESSING METHOD,)
AND STORAGE MEDIUM)

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2004, please amend the application as follows: